

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, July 28, 2020)
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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor (Via Webex)
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communications Director

1. WELCOME

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:01 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of July 21, 2020, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

2. PRESENTATION

A. Aviation Day Recognition Video

Commissioner President Guy read a proclamation proclaiming August 19, 2020 as National Aviation Day to celebrate the history and development of aviation. The video highlighted the 50th Anniversary of the St. Mary's County Regional Airport; the Patuxent River Naval Air Station; and, the PAX River Naval Air Museum and Visitors Center.

3. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY- Request for Public Hearing - Disposition of county-owned surplus real property

I move to approve a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on the disposition of county-owned surplus real property located in Charlotte Hall, MD.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR AUGUST 18 AND 25. There will be no meetings of the Commissioners on August 4 and 11, 2020.

B. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - SMTCC MDOT Regional Transportation Priorities Letter

I move to have the proposed letter that the Thomas Johnson Bridge is the first priority and the other two (Regional Transit and MD Route 231) drop off as regional priorities below the Thomas Johnson Bridge be presented to the Tri-County Council.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

C. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - YMCA Exploratory Committee Report & Feasibility Study Request

I move to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the YMCA of the Chesapeake to conduct a feasibility and fund raising study.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

D. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - SMCG Space Needs Plan Update

I move to approve the SMCG Space Needs Plan as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

E. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Friends of the St. Mary's County Library Lease

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Lease between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the Friends of the St. Mary's County Library, Inc. for continued use of existing space in the Leonardtown Armory.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**F. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Health Dept
COVID Renovation – Biosafety Lab Level-2 (BSL-2 Lab)**

I move to approve the Health Department COVID Renovation – BSL-2 Lab project; authorize the Commission President to sign any necessary actions, understanding that the project is funded by \$100,000 from the Health Department CARES ACT Grant; and authorize DPW&T to move forward with this newly created project to get it completed by December 31, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, O'Connor

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner Morgan

**G. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Increase for
FY2021 Budget Non-Public School Bus Operations**

MOTION 1: I move to approve the budget amendment using \$86,183 of the Commissioners' Emergency Reserve to increase the Department of Public Works & Transportation – Non-Public School Bus FY2021 budget for Contractor/Drivers Salaries and associated expenses to achieve parity with the St. Mary's County Board of Education and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 2: I move to approve the temporary suspension of out-of-county student transportation in order to prevent community spread of COVID-19 within the St. Mary's County Non-Public School Transportation System. This approval will remain in effect until further notice, and will apply to all non-residents of St. Mary's County who were previously authorized to utilize transportation services with the Non-Public School Transportation System.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

H. HUMAN RESOURCES - Expenditure Exemption Request

I move to approve exempting the four(4) identified mission critical positions from the hiring freeze and authorize filling these positions.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

I. DEPT. OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES-Community Development Block Grant Agreement-COVID-19 Round-1

I move to accept the Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Round 1 agreement for the amount of \$400,000 with in-kind included from other sources of \$330,200; approve the budget amendment to set up the new Project US2158 and to execute the sub-recipient agreement between the County and Three Oaks Center; and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended and provided general comments.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation and Real Property.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

6. CLOSED SESSION

A. LITIGATION

Present: James R. Guy, President

Eric Colvin, Commissioner

Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner

Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator

David Weiskopf, County Attorney

Bruce Poole, The Poole Law Group (Via Webex)

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Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:35 a.m. to 12:02 p.m.

Location: CSMC Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss strategy for potential Litigation.

B. REAL PROPERTY

Present: James R. Guy, President

Eric Colvin, Commissioner

Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner

Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator

David Weiskopf, County Attorney

Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 12:03 p.m. to 12:13 p.m.

Location: CSMC Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss avigation easement.

C. REAL PROPERTY

Present: James R. Guy, President

Eric Colvin, Commissioner

Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner

Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator

David Weiskopf, County Attorney

Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 12:13 p.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Location: CSMC Meeting Room

Purpose: Preliminary discussions concerning the disposition of surplus county-owned real property.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on August 18, 2020.

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Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator